

WHITNEY'S MAN AT THE MUSEUM HE HEARS THE STORY OF THE "HEADLESS ROOSTER."

The Queer Marine Accident—Up Hill Work for the Salvation Army—Digging at Herrick Center No Coal—The Sliced Newslets—Hop-bottom Girl's Farewell Note.

Susquehanna, May 22.—Recently a Susquehanna young man visited a museum in New York city, and, approaching a "shouter," a short, stout man with a red face, asked: "Has the museum got an exhibition any of those 'headless roosters' the papers have been talking about?"

"See here, young fellow, don't yer be so funny," said the museum man. "Mebbe you don't know what them roosters is?" he continued, relaxing somewhat. "They're frauds, they're regular snides, and we ain't a-playing such games on our patrons."

"What do you mean by saying they're frauds?" asked the Susquehanna young man, now interested. "I mean just what I say. They ain't no such thing as a 'headless rooster,' no more than a headless horse, and don't yer forget it."

"They're all fixed up. I'll tell you how they're fixed. A feller takes a sharp knife and slits off the rooster's bill. Then he jossens the skin round the top of the rooster's head and stretches it down over the head like a hood. Mebbe he cuts away some of the flesh with the bill, but he's mighty careful how much he takes. Wot I say you may take for gospel. That's the way them headless roosters is made. I've seen it done. They tie the skin tight over the top of the head, and it gets well in two weeks and grows up so to look as if the head had been cut right off. When you stick a kernel of corn down the roosters windpipe he swallows it and pokes his stump up for more. After he gets well the owner trots him out and the head was cut off when a farmer was killing some chickens for dinner, but this one didn't die."

"Right this way, gentlemen! Step right in and see the fat woman and the double-headed boy." The red-faced man began to swing his arms once more and the band started up a fresh strain.

AS SEEN IN WICKED GREAT BEND. Some of our editorial friends are expressing fears lest Editor Whitney of Susquehanna, get some of his funny yarns mixed up with the census returns. There is no danger. When Bro. Whitney gets his working propensities aroused on the census he will be dignified, accurate and methodical. People who have been fearful that the returns should show that they had become the parents of triplets, born to them while away from home, visiting friends in Gulf Summit, and similar items, will be disappointed. Everything in his returns will be truthful. Of course it will be proven that the population of Susquehanna exceeds that of the county and that it is larger than Carbondale but that will not surprise anyone. For the truth will out through the census.—Great Bend Platdealer.

QUEER MARINE ACCIDENT. Sergeant McGuffin, a Susquehanna county soldier, now stationed near Manila, writes home to his mother about a queer marine accident. While a sloop was riding at anchor, the cook got out on the martingale to spear a shark. He was footing while striking a fish and was never seen again; but two hours afterward the first mate caught a shark fourteen feet long. In the stomach of the big fish were found a dolphin, one of the cook's legs, and a gold watch and chain. They recognized the leg because it was tattooed all over with anchors and girls and things. Then the mate went fishing again with a large piece of pork, and in two hours he caught another shark with the rest of the cook's leg. Life in Manila, with such incidents, is not at all monotonous.

THIS AND THAT. The Salvation army will soon commence operations in Susquehanna. It will march along a mighty rocky road.—Forest City News. Ever see the day, my boy, when the Salvation Army had any other sort of road to travel. When it leaves Forest City and comes to Susquehanna, it will be like marching from a corduroy road in the wilderness upon asphalt pavement.

Recently passed through this section a queer old man, whose sole aim in life appeared to be to paint startling legends upon fences, rocks, barns and guide-boards, like these: "Prepare to be saved!" and "Seek Salvation before it is too late." Mixed with advertisements and other things, some of the legends made odd reading. Up near Burnwood the old man painted this upon a guide-board at a cross-road: "Sinners, you are going toward Hell." The sign board right below read: "To Forest City seven miles."

The boom of Colonel Charles C. Pratt, of New Milford, for state senator, is growing beautifully. In this connection, Bro. Praines, of the Honorable Independent, claims that "Susquehanna county has an insatiable political appetite." Dear old Wayne has a most beautiful appetite in this

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direction, but she seldom has anything with which to appease it. And it is her enforced fast days that makes some of her "organs" kick. She will yet, if she possesses herself with patience, walk gaily up to the public crib and eat her fill.

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER. Prospecting for coal at Herrick Centre has been abandoned until after the fall. The seventeenth child has just been born to a Great Bend township family. They believe there is luck in odd numbers.

A turtle one day, on the shore, Was asked by Mr. Hare as to where The rabbit said, "Nix. Mr. Turtle, live but On that little old shell game before."

The Scientific American suggests that "if you are afraid of lightning, simply put on your slippers and stand up." And be sure to arrange to have the lightning strike you "feet first."

SLICED NEWSLETS. Auburn Centre, this county, has happily recovered from its recent small-pox epidemic and scare. It is safer to kill a man in Susquehanna county than to steal a horse in Texas. An "easy" jury and a state board of pardons bring little comfort to a fellow who has been dangling to a tree for a day or two.

There is ample evidence that the fool-killer is neglecting business. A well-to-do Susquehanna county widow not long since fell in love with and married a tramp. She recently gave a thousand dollars to get rid of him. And she is not sure that he will not, like the cat, "come back."

Montrose takes little interest in the matter of springing a centennial celebration upon an unsuspecting public, because she has no centenarians to exhibit. A Hopbottom girl suddenly left home, leaving a note in her hand, running something like this: "Dear parents do not weep for me. I have gone to join the Mormons." Another case of temporary aberration of mind. She evidently had a very bad spell just before she quit the parental roof to join the much-married galsot.

AVOCA. The Home Mission society, of the Primitive Methodist church, will meet at the home of Mrs. Thomas Llewellyn tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. All members are expected to be present. The Christian and Missionary Alliance will hold a convention in this town from June 6 to 9.

James Golden, of the West Side, is critically ill of pneumonia. The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Ryan is suffering from diphtheria. John Hogan, of Grove street, is a candidate for delegate to the coming Democratic convention.

Edward Pollard, of South Main street, has a line of household furniture which he will sell very cheap, as he wishes to leave as soon as possible for South Dakota. Mrs. Joseph Zeisler died at the family residence at Glen Tannery on Sunday afternoon after a few weeks' illness of Bright's disease. Deceased was 43 years of age and is survived by six children. The funeral will take place this afternoon. Interment will be in Marcy cemetery.

Mrs. David Davis, of York street, is suffering from an attack of cholera morbus. The school board met on Monday evening for the purpose of taking action on the exonerations. All members were present and each member had his own circle of friends to refer to the board. After deliberating over the matter it was agreed to exonerate only a few widows who cannot possibly pay taxes. Others will be obliged to pay a percentage on their assessments, while a few others who wished to be exempted were not granted the request, the members feeling that they were able to meet the demands as well as others who were similarly circumstanced.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Deebble and daughter, Mrs. Joseph McPherson, attended the Knight Templar banquet in Wilkes-Barre on Monday evening.

MOSCOW. The marriage of Walter Seglin, of Clifton, to Miss Grace Covey, of Maple Lake, took place last evening at the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Sayre, of Stroudsburg, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel Eschenbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Gorder, of Peckville, have been visiting the former's mother for several days. The election of Sunday school officers will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church this evening. Tomas Evans, of Scranton, was a caller in town Monday.

Charles, the young son of John Edwards, who has been very ill with scarlet fever, is improving under the care of Dr. L'Amoreaux. Rev. G. H. Prentice attended the ministerial meeting at Scranton Monday. J. E. Loveland has been ill of erysipelas for several days. Thomas Johns, of Hyde Park, called on friends in town Monday. Cards are out announcing the marriage of D. J. Clouse, of this place, to Miss Mitchell, of Hollisterville, June 6.

O. E. Vaughn is attending Knights Templars celebration in Wilkes-Barre. "OPPORTUNITY" is the cream of time. Now is your opportunity to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and derive the most benefit from it. The blood is now loaded with dangerous impurities which this medicine will promptly expel.

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PARADE OF SIR KNIGHTS

(Continued from Page 1.) shinn; St. John's commandery, No. 4, of Philadelphia, with 28 men; Shick-shinn band; De Mulay commandery, No. 9, of Reading, 19 men; Altoona band; Mountain, No. 19, commandery, Altoona, 64 men; Citizens' band, of Plymouth, Philadelphia, commandery, No. 11, of Harrisburg, 28 men; Crusade commandery, No. 12, of Bloomsburg, 22 men; Mozart band, of Carbondale; Palestine commandery, No. 14, of Carbondale, 32 men; Northern commandery, No. 16, of Towanda, 70 men.

Second Division. The second division was headed by E. Sir Frank McSparen, commanding, and the following aides: Sir William S. Meers, No. 17, E. Sir William S. Semple, No. 19; E. Sir F. W. Martens, No. 20; E. Sir John K. Hayes, No. 22; E. Sir William L. Yeager, No. 23; E. Sir G. Weidman, Jr., No. 24; E. Sir C. Biederbeck, No. 29; E. Sir L. V. Hausch, No. 31; E. Sir George W. Watt, No. 32; Sir B. Harold Carpenter, No. 45. Next came Bauer's band, which played in superb tone, leading Coeur de Lion commandery, No. 17, of Scranton, with 80 men in line. The commandery received great applause for the magnificent way in which it marched and performed difficult manoeuvres.

They were followed by the Easton band and Hugh de Payens commandery, No. 19, of Easton, with 21 men in line. Then came the Allentown band in natty red uniforms, heading Alton commandery, No. 29, of Allentown, with 32 men in line, and were followed by the Flisk band, of Williamsport, heading Baldwin II. commandery, No. 22, of Williamsport, with 45 men. Then came Packer commandery, No. 23, of March Chunk, with 19 men, followed by Perseverance band, of Lebanon, and Hermit commandery, No. 24, of Lebanon, with 25 men in line, followed by Lewiston commandery, No. 26, of Lewiston, with 12 men. Next came Jones band, heading Kadosh commandery, No. 21, of Philadelphia, with 22 men, followed by Ivanhoe commandery, No. 31, of Mahanoy City, with 10 men, and Thistle band, of Plains, leading Hutchinson commandery, No. 32, of Norristown, with 18 men.

The third division was headed by E. Sir John M. Core, commanding, with the following aides: E. Sir J. B. Woolsey, No. 68; E. Sir Frank C. Price, No. 35; E. Sir William L. Silder, No. 37; E. Sir Frank H. Platt, No. 60; E. Sir Samuel E. Niles, No. 42; Sir Philip S. Kirt, No. 46; E. Sir J. M. M. M. M., No. 47; E. Sir Ezra H. Ripple, No. 17; E. Sir Charles F. Wilson, No. 45; Allegheny band and Allegheny commandery, No. 35, 67 men; Sunbury band, Mary commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia, 52 men; Calvary commandery, No. 37, of Duxbury, 22 men; Constantine commandery, No. 41, of Pottsville, 18 men; Germania band, Reading commandery, No. 42, of Reading, 64 men; Lock Haven band, Hospitalier commandery, No. 46, Lock Haven, 17 men; West Wyoming band, St. Alban commandery, No. 48, of Philadelphia, 28 men; Corinthian commandery, No. 53, of Philadelphia, with 53 mounted men.

Fourth Division. The fourth division was led by E. Sir David O. McCollum commanding, and the following aides: E. Sir W. O. Walborn, No. 57; E. Sir D. W. Stark, No. 60; E. Sir James S. Porteus, No. 68; E. Sir H. P. Kuntz, No. 73; E. Sir Charles Sabia, No. 75; E. Sir Stephen B. Bennett, No. 57; Baker's band, of Binghamton, leading Wyoming Valley lodge, No. 57, of Pittston, with 50 men; Pittston band, leading Temple commandery, No. 60, of Tunkhannock, with 45 men; Lawrence band, of Scranton, leading Steel commandery, No. 68, of Scranton, with 68 men; Liberty band, of Hazleton, leading Mt. Vernon commandery, No. 53, of Hazleton, with 38 men in line, and the Ninth regiment band, leading Dieu le Veut commandery, of Wilkes-Barre, with 127 men in line, not only those who were performing various other duties. The parade was brought up by the provisional Red Cross corps of twelve Knights Templars and a delegation of Ninth regiment boys under Dr. Glosser in the handsome ambulance presented to the Ninth regiment when it entered the United States service, which turned out to render immediate aid if such were necessary, but, happily, no accidents happened during the parade.

The parade was reviewed by the officers of the Grand commandery from the grand stand erected on the river bank near Northampton street. The officers of the Grand commandery who reviewed the parade are: R. E. Sir Jas. R. Youngson, of Pittsburg; V. E. Sir Adam H. Schaeffer, of Pittsburg; E. Sir Thomas V. Penman, Scranton, grand generalissimo; E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, grand captain general; E. Sir Charles M. Stock, Hanover, grand senior warden; E. Sir Wilson J. Fleming, Bellefonte, grand junior warden; E. Sir John Jay Gilroy, Philadelphia; grand treasurer; R. E. Sir William W. Allen, Philadelphia, grand recorder; E. Sir Herman Junker, Pittsburg, standard bearer; E. Sir William J. Diehl, mayor of Pittsburg, grand warden; E. Sir Alexander S. Stahl, Altoona, grand captain of the guard; E. Sir James Wilcock, Pittsburg; grand marshal; Sir A. Howard Thomas, Philadelphia, grand herald, and R. E. Sir Joseph Alexander, of Scranton, former grand commander of the state.

The following commanderies were awarded prizes for having the largest percentage of their members in line: First prize, Temple, Tunkhannock; second, Wyoming Valley, Pittston; third prize, Melita, Scranton.

Grand Commandery Session. This afternoon the grand commandery was in session at Memorial hall, Mayor Nichols presiding. An address was welcome, in which he eulogized the order.

While the commandery was in session the ladies who accompanied the visiting sir knights were taken in charge by a local committee and shown points of interest about the valley.

This evening the ball and tournament was held at the armory. It was a magnificent affair, the sir knights, their ladies and invited guests attended in large numbers. The drill company of the Allegheny commandery gave an exhibition drill which created the greatest enthusiasm.

A large number of the Scranton knights and their ladies remained over for tonight's entertainment. For those in the special train which was scheduled to leave here at 2 o'clock in the morning.

The Queen to Visit Scotland. London, May 22.—The queen left Windsor to visit Scotland.

What to Do for the Baby.

In olden Greece when the wife accepted the obligation of motherhood, all her days of pre-natal preparation were spent among the fairest scenes and most beautiful objects. Wherever her eye fell it rested on beauty. Her feet moved to and fro to pleasant melodies. Her mind was fed on the high thoughts of the poets. For this reason the children of these Greek mothers furnished models of physical beauty which have ever since put the world to shame.

The time that most can be done for the baby is before its birth. With every stitch the mother puts into the dainty wardrobe she prepares, there should go some happy loving thought. With every meal eaten, with every household duty easily accomplished, with every night's refreshing sleep, there should come the thought, "All this counts for baby's wellbeing."

But how can all this be possible for the woman who is in daily misery of mind and body? It is impossible. The first thing a mother should do for her baby is to establish her own health. If she doesn't she will bear "a child of spleen to be a thwart disnatured to torment her." The baby's wails will be but the echo of her own; the baby's face will reflect the anguish lined in her own features.

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Mrs. T. Dolan, of Madrid, Perkins County, Neb., writes: "I was cured of painful periods by the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription and his 'Compound Extract of Smartweed.' I think Doctor Pierce's medicines the best in the world."

Mrs. James W. Blacker, of 629 Catherine St., Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "Your medicines have done wonders for me. For years my health was very poor; I had four miscarriages, but since taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery' I have much better health, and now I have a fine, healthy baby."

"I suffered fifteen years with female weakness and nervousness," writes Mrs. Vincent Bohall, of Franklin, Johnson Co., Indiana. "One year ago I began taking your 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I have gained eighteen pounds. I took six bottles of each and now I am well. I owe my life to Dr. Pierce."

Mrs. Carrie B. Donner, of Dayton, Green Co., Wis., writes: "I can highly recommend Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and also his 'Favorite Prescription'—having taken the latter for nine months previous to confinement. I suffered scarcely any compared with what I had at other times."

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"I had been a great sufferer from female weakness," writes Mrs. M. B. Wallace, of Muenster, Cooke Co., Texas. "I tried four doctors and none did me any good. I suffered six years, but at last I found relief. I followed your advice and took eight bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' and four of 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I now feel like a new woman. My health had been poor for many years and I had taken a great deal of medicine, but it did me no good," writes Mrs. Rose Kennedy, of Springfield, Adams Co., Wis. "Last August my health was very poor; I had no appetite; could not sleep, for when I went to bed I had nervous asthma and also heart trouble. I wrote to Dr. Pierce and he kindly advised me to take his 'Favorite Prescription' and one bottle of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and I feel like a new woman."

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ENGINE PASSED OVER FOOT.

George McKee Injured in the Lackawanna Yard. George McKee, of Dunmore, had his left foot badly crushed yesterday morning while at work in the Lackawanna yard, and was taken to the Moses Taylor hospital.

He is employed as a brakeman on the Lackawanna, and while working near the southern entrance of the yard he had one of his feet caught in a fire hose. He was unable to extricate it and before he could get it loose an engine bore down on him. He threw his body out of the way, but the engine passed over the foot, mauling it badly.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS.

Oleo Dealers See That There Is No More Money in Fake Butter. Food Inspector Widmayer said yesterday that the dealers who have been selling oleomargarine and butter in this city are rapidly getting out of the business for various reasons, the principal one being the resolution recently adopted by council directing him to strictly enforce the state law regulating its sale.

The only way the dealers who have been selling the stuff could make any money was to sell it not as oleomargarine but as butter. Now that a more strict enforcement of the law is required they realize that the selling of the stuff would be at a loss, as the percentage of people who buy oleomargarine, knowing it to be what it is, is very small. The price of butter is down to twenty cents a pound now, with a prospect of it being reduced to eighteen cents.

Oleomargarine costs at wholesale twelve and one-half cents, and as it must be sold for less than butter, there will not be much profit accruing, with \$150 a year for licenses required by the state.

The government and state licenses must be renewed in July and the

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food inspector believes that very few of the twenty-five dealers now holding them will renew them. "I have always contended and still contend," said he, yesterday, "that the enforcement of the laws regulating the sale of oleomargarine is outside of my duties. I am supposed to see that no adulterated or unwholesome food is offered for sale. Oleomargarine is neither adulterated nor unwholesome. It is, in fact, healthy, and the dealer who sells it saying he is selling butter is guilty of false pretenses only, and I can't see that I have any power in the matter at all. The police or the county officials are the ones who should act."

OIL CLOTH MILL BURNS.

The Loss at Nicetown Roughly Estimated at \$50,000. Philadelphia, May 22.—The coating mill at the George W. Blabon company's oilcloth and linoleum works, in Nicetown, a suburb of this city, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is roughly estimated at \$50,000.

The fire was caused by sparks from one of the machines. The coating mill was a three-story brick structure, 14x 60 feet, and was one of thirty similar buildings which comprise the Blabon company's works. The firemen succeeded in containing the flames to the building in which they originated, otherwise the loss would have been much heavier.

BIG FIRE AT FOREST.

Entire Business District of the Town Swept Away. Jackson, Miss., May 22.—The entire business district of the town of Forest, in the Alabama and Vicksburg road, 50 miles east of this city, burned today.

The fire started in the general store of Storri & Smythe, and spread rapidly northward, destroying the business houses of M. D. Graham & company, H. Banks, J. Gordon, Percy Lowry,

DEATH IN A FIRE.

Mrs. Josephine McShane Suffocated by Smoke. New York, May 22.—A five hundred dollar fire in the basement of a flat house at 1691 Park avenue tonight resulted in the death of Mrs. Josephine McShane and her 15-month-old son, Edward, who were suffocated by smoke.

After the fire had been extinguished the firemen found them in the hallway on the fifth floor. In her effort to escape Mrs. McShane had closed the door of her apartment after her. Finding the place full of smoke she attempted to return, but was prevented by a spring lock on the door.

Twenty Round Draw.

Cleveland, May 22.—Joe Maxwell, of Cleveland, and Casper Loon, of New York, fought a twenty-round draw tonight before the Business Men's gymnasium.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

In Philadelphia recently 679 new babies received were granted in seven days. Sanitized linen for photographers is now sold at the same price as unautitized paper in this country.

The quicksilver fluid in Remover cavity, Texas, have already proved the most extensive in the United States. It is estimated that gamblers in New York have been paying over \$2,000,000 a year for "protection."

A new substitute for celluloid, resembling fern in appearance, is now manufactured under the name of bakelite. Six weeks before relief came, Cecil Rhodes predicted the actual date on which Kimberley would be relieved. The average consumption of alcoholic drinks in England last year was at the rate of \$190 worth per family of five. The consumption of alcoholic drinks per head last year was in England 2.51 gallons, in Scotland, 1.81; in Ireland, 1.60. The Boers even whitewash the sides of ant hills, so that this possible cover may be a conspicuous point for their fire. St. Paul citizens are making plans for a convention hall and auditorium with a seating capacity of 15,000, to cover a space of 150 by 150 feet.

PLANS OF THE BOERS.

They Will Attend Meetings About the Country. Washington, May 22.—Those who have been closely identified with the Boer delegates since they have been in Washington and who conferred with them today on their plans, say that as a result of the statement of the secretary of state the delegates will not remain long in Washington, but will attend a series of meetings to be held throughout the country.

According to Mr. De Bruyn, the secretary of the Boer envoys, the latter's programme for the future has not been definitely agreed upon. They will remain in the city for several days to come, at least. No statement respecting the interview with Secretary Hay, Mr. De Bruyn says, has been issued and he does not know whether any will be forthcoming or not. The envoys have accepted an invitation to luncheon with Mr. Hay at the latter's residence tomorrow afternoon.

BOUNCING COUNCILMEN.

The Shamokin Council Declares Three Seats Vacant. Shamokin, Pa., May 22.—A special meeting of council was held tonight to declare vacant the seats of Councilmen E. O. Zurn, William S. Zimmerman and Thomas A. Holl, who were convicted of bribery in connection with the paving contracts.

It was expected the men would combat the move, whereby the names of other members suspected of having been in the brick deals would be exposed, but the three members, who were not present, sent in their resignations, which were unanimously accepted.